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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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IN THE MATTER OF)	Administrative Action
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Laurie M. Spavlik, R.D.A.)	FINAL ORDER
License No. DP3016,)	OF DISCIPLINE
)	
A REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANT)	
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY)	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Laurie M. Spavlik ("respondent"), has been a registered dental assistant in the State of New Jersey at all times relevant hereto.

2. On April 22, 1999, respondent was arrested and charged with three (3) counts of knowingly obtaining possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance by misrepresentation, fraud, and forgery in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-13.

3. By a written sworn statement dated April 22, 1999, taken by Ptl. Muller of the Clementon Police Department, respondent admitted to stealing prescription blanks from her employer and forging them to obtain Percocet for her personal use on three separate occasions: November 28, 1998, January 26, 1999 and April

22, 1999. (A copy of the statement is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's actions provide grounds for discipline, in that they constitute acts of dishonesty, fraud, deception, and misrepresentation, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), and acts of professional misconduct in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline suspending respondent's dental assistant registration in the State of New Jersey was entered on September 2, 1999 and a copy was forwarded to respondent's address on file with the Board office by means of certified mail. The letter was returned marked "moved left no forwarding address." A current address was obtained for respondent and the Provisional Order was forwarded by both regular and certified mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

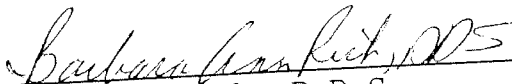
Although the Provisional Order sent by means of certified mail to respondent's current address was returned as "unclaimed," the regular mail was not returned. Because the Order was forwarded to

respondent's address of record, the Board deems service to have been effected. Accordingly, it determined that further proceedings were not necessary and that the Provisional Order of Discipline should be made final.

IT IS THEREFORE, on this 4 day of October, 2000,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's registration as a dental assistant in the State of New Jersey be revoked for a period of 5 years.


Barbara Rich, D.D.S.
President, State Board of Dentistry